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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE CROSSING OF THE VESLE.

LATEST NEWS OF FRENCH PROGRESS.

"FORMIDABLE JOB" FOR GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

London, September 5.
A French communique states:—Last evening we repulsed two violent counter-attacks on Mont des Tombes, east of Leuilly, and maintained our positions. On the Vesle front, Franco-American troops reached the crest of heights dominating the Aisne. Extending our action still further, we also crossed the Vesle between Les Vantoux and Jonchery.

A Warning Against Undue Optimism.

London, September 5.
It is emphasized in responsible quarters that while the position on the Western Front continues highly satisfactory, it would be unwise to build too much on an enemy collapse. The Allied offensive has yielded wonderful results, but, generally speaking, there is no evidence that the German High Command has lost grip of the situation, although of course it is making demands on the troops which cannot be responded to indefinitely. When it is considered that the whole system of supply, billeting, hospitals, training establishments, aerodromes, organization, dumps etc., must be entirely reconstructed at a time when every man is required in the line and war material is not too plentiful, it will be seen that the German High Command is confronted with a formidable job.

The French Front.

Paris, September 5.
A Havas message says:—On the French front, the German retreat began yesterday morning. The Germans were especially pushed back by the armies of Generals Mangin and Lambert, the Allies' line being now several kilometres west of the Oise to the Somme Canal north of the Ailette and north of Orléans. The immediate prospects are most satisfactory. The German losses in seven weeks amount to one million and a half, of whom 500,000 remain totally disabled, and the Franco-Americans hold the Aisne thirty kilometres east of Soissons.

French Tribute to Dominion Troops.

Paris, September 5.
The French Press, applauding the British successes, says there is something even more striking than the United Kingdom's tenacity. That is the spontaneity with which the Dominions have taken up the common burden, covering themselves with immortal glory.

The Crossing of the Vesle.

London, September 5.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters says:—During the night the French crossed the Vesle at Quincampoix. Big fires are increasing between the Vesle and the Aisne.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

New Agreements with Germany.

London, September 4.
A Russian wireless message says agreements have been made between Germany and Russia as regards territorial changes. The latter's financial obligations include an undertaking that Russia will fight against the Entente troops in Northern Russia, Germany promising that Finland shall not attack Russia.

German Garrison Killed in Ukraine.

Copenhagen, September 5.
The *Irrev's* states that the Ukrainian Revolutionaries have taken Nizhni Novgorod and other cities, also the town of Tchernoff, where they killed the whole German garrison of 1,500 men but retired when German reinforcements arrived.

Sanguinary fighting has occurred in the Province of Poltava, Dehernigoff and Kieff, where the Revolutionaries number 30,000. The Ukrainian authorities in many places have fled.

The Hotman, M. Skoropadsky, has arrived in Berlin and visited the Kaiser.

A Russian Threat.

Amsterdam, September 5.
A German telegram from the Soviet Government, informs the Entente that if any more attempts are made on Soviet statesmen in Russia, Entente statesmen will be killed in their own countries.

THE TIMID U-BOATS.

Now Playing for Safety.

London, September 5.
Reuter is authoritatively informed that German submarines are again operating far out, where they get fewer but bigger ships. Meanwhile the British anti-submarine fleet is immensely increasing. The crews of German submarines, who were formerly volunteers, are now conscripts, but there is no marked loss of moral. The submarines, however, are not taking the risks they did and have clearly been ordered to play for safety.

The British minefield in the North Sea has compelled the submarines to use Norwegian waters. Ostend and Zeebrugge now appear to be useless to the enemy except for long-distance submarines, for which they are used very little.

The Allied barrage in the Straits of Otranto has resulted in a diminution of sinkings in the Mediterranean. Twenty five per cent. of the German submarines in the Adriatic have been lost since 1917.

U.S. SHIPBUILDING RECORD.

Washington, September 5.

Mr. Schwab, the Shipbuilding Controller, has announced that the delivery of merchant ships during August constituted a record. Sixty-six ships of 340,000 dead weight tons were completed.

CANADIAN WHEAT CONTROL.

Ottawa, September 5.

The Government has assumed complete control of the purchase, export of wheat.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PETROGRAD SENSATION.

How a Former Hongkong Officer was Murdered.

Amsterdam, September 5.
Telegrams from German sources give flimsy excuses for the outrage at the British Embassy at Petrograd and insinuate that the Embassy was concerned in a Social Revolutionary plot but do not advance a shred of proof of the statement.

When the Embassy was attacked, Captain Cromie opposed the entry, shooting three soldiers. Subsequently he was murdered and the corpse outraged. An English clergyman was forbidden to pray over the corpse. The Embassy papers were entirely destroyed. A similar attack is feared upon the French Embassy and necessary defences have been prepared. A French Military Mission forcibly entered the Embassy and some Frenchmen were arrested.

The Bolsheviks are already inciting the populace to massacre the British and French.

The British Government has telegraphed to M. Tchicherin, Commissary of Foreign Affairs, demanding immediate reparation and the prompt punishment of those concerned in the abominable outrage, intimating that should the Soviet Government fail to give satisfaction or further acts of violence against the British occur, the Government will hold the members of the Soviet Government individually responsible and secure that they be treated as outlaws by all civilized nations. It concludes by saying that the Government has learned that the arrest of all Anglo-French subjects between the ages of 18 and 40 years was ordered on August 29 on trumped-up charges.

The Murdered Officer's Splendid Career.

London, September 5.
Captain Francis Cromie, D.S.O., was one of the earliest submarine officers. At the outbreak of war he commanded the Hongkong submarine flotilla, during 1915 commanded the E19 in the Baltic, torpedoed a German destroyer and the cruiser *Urdine*, sank or captured ten German steamers and in November, 1915 assumed command of the Baltic flotilla. He was awarded "the Distinguished Service Order in May, 1916, and a succession of Russian honours. During the Russian Revolution he handled the situation with the greatest tact and earned the respect of extremists for his fair dealing and the way he continued to work the flotilla against the Germans. He was responsible in April this year for the destruction and evasion of our Baltic submarines and was appointed to the Embassy owing to his knowledge of Russia and the prevailing conditions.

FRENCH POLITICAL HARMONY.

Paris, September 5.

A Havas message says:—The Chamber of Deputies resumed work to-day, supported by the unanimous approbation of the General Councils about the course of the Government's politics and the military successes still in progress. Important financial matters are to be discussed, but no political difficulty is within view.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

Sharp Fighting on British Front.

London, Sept. 5.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: After sharp fighting on 4th September northward of the Lys we captured Hill 63, south-westward of Messines, taking prisoner over one hundred. We captured in the afternoon Ploegsteert village taking another hundred prisoners and a number of machine-guns. Northward of Hill 63 we were continuously engaged in the Wytschaete sector, where the enemy's repeated attacks were unsuccessful. We held on the Lys front a general line from Voormezele to Wulverghem, Ploegsteert, Nieppe, Laventie and Ginchy. Southward of Neuve-Chapelle as far as Givenchy we have regained the old line we held prior to 9th April and eastward of Givenchy we have occupied portions of the old German positions. The enemy strongly attacked our new positions at Ince-en-Artois in the evening, but was repulsed after sharp fighting. We improved our positions southward of Moeuvres and eastward of Hermies and captured Neuville Bourjonval. An enemy counter-attack in the evening eastward of Manancourt was repulsed. Fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of Peronne and our line was slightly improved. The British during the past four days have prisoner over sixteen thousand and captured over one hundred guns.

French Going Forward.

London, Sept. 5.
A French communique reports: At night-time we maintained contact with the enemy rearwards and advanced east of the Canal du Nord and in the direction of the Aisne. East of Vesle we crossed the Somme canal in the region of Boyennes and Offoy. Farther south we passed Monbleux, Esmer, Hellen and Flavy-le-Malieux and carried our lines north of Guiscard to the outskirts of Berlandcourt. Between the Ailette and the Aisne we carried Clamency, Braye and Missy-sur-Aisne.

A Doleful German Report.

London, Sept. 5.
A wireless German official message says: The enemy pressed back our forward troops to a new line between Ypres and La Bassée. We continued our withdrawal in the region of Boye and freed ourselves without a fight, the enemy following slowly. We withdrew from the Vesle, eastwards of Soissons, undisturbed.

Some British Captures.

London, Sept. 5.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters states that since Sunday General Horn's army has captured 6,258 prisoners, twenty-three heavy howitzers, two high velocity guns, thirty-four field-guns, thirty trench mortars, six anti-tank guns and 478 machine-guns.

Since Saturday General Byng's army has taken 6,781 prisoners and a considerable number of unmounted guns. Since Saturday General Rawlinson's army has taken 4,487 prisoners and a considerable number of unmounted guns. The flinders front is becoming increasingly active. The series of tactical successes daily reported between Ypres and Lens are assuming real proportions.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

Confidence in Victory.

London, Sept. 5.
Admiral Sir David Beatty, replying to a message from the Trades Union Congress, said: "The Grand Fleet is convinced that complete victory will crown the continued efforts of the Empire and the Allies and the sacrifices so nobly born will bring forth a new world in which all that is best in humanity can have free development." (Loud cheers).

A telegram from Sir Douglas Haig was read at the Trades Union Congress at Derby as follows:—"Warmest thanks of all ranks of the Army for the message of generous appreciation. We are proud that the representatives of 41 million workers at home should add to the debt we already owe them for their splendid support, by sending a message of comradeship and goodwill." (Cheers).

German People Deceived.

London, Sept. 5.
The "Cologne Gazette" frankly admits that the German home front has been weakened by the reverses in France and blames the Wolff Bureau for leading people to believe that the enemy would never recover from the blows in March and April. The people were thus buoyed by false hopes. Moreover, it complains that they were similarly misinformed as regards the effects of submarine and of peace with Russia and Rumania. It quotes a semi-official German telegram of 16th April announcing enormous captures of clothes in Russia, Italy and North France and representing the booty in rubber and copper as sufficient for the German Army for a year. "Can it be wondered at that there should be disappointment and mistrust when we are asked to part with our clothes and door handles to cover urgent needs? Patience gets worn out by such camouflaging of facts." After admitting that the Allied air attacks do produce the effects which the enemy intend the writer proceeds to admit that, despite submarine warfare, "we are not within measurable distance of so cutting off the enemy's supplies as to render their means of subsistence as scarce as ours."

The appearance of these sentiments in what is practically the German official newspaper possibly means that the High Command intends to imitate as far as possible the British policy after the reverses of March and April of taking the people more into confidence and plainly stating the actualities, arguing that this method which has benefited Britain will probably benefit Germany.

ARMY REFUNDS.

London, Sept. 5.

An Army Order notifies that locomotive expenses, excluding baggage charges, will be refunded on application, within twelve months to individuals who, after the outbreak of war, proceeded from South Africa, including Rhodesia, and embarked not later than February 15, 1916, or from other places abroad not later than September 30, 1916, provided that they applied for commissions or enlistment within two months of their arrival in the United Kingdom. The refund will not exceed the cost of the journey to the United Kingdom port of disembarkation by the most economical route in the grade of accommodation appropriate to the rank in which they joined the British Army and will only be granted where the outlay was borne personally. An extended period for lodging applications is provided in cases of prisoners of war.

PROTECTING THE GERMAN CROWN.

Amsterdam, Sept. 5.

In the Prussian Upper House the Chancellor, on the discussion of the Suffrage Bill, appealed for an understanding because he was honestly convinced that the protection and preservation of the Crown and Dynasty were at stake in connection with it. The Government saw no possibility of approving the Bill as sent up from the Lower House. The latter's recognizable scruples about the introduction of general equal suffrage must be subordinated to the protection of the dynasty and crown.

"YELLOW FEVER" IN PERU.

Intermixture of Chinese and Japanese Blood.

An Association Press message to the *New York Evening Post* says:—The newspapers of Peru are much concerned with the rapid increase of what they call the "pelirrojo amarillo," or yellow fever, in Peru. It is said that in Peru to-day there are no less than 300,000 Peruvians who have Chinese and Japanese blood in their veins to such an extent that the Oriental characteristics are prominent in their features, and many Peruvian girls attempt to hide this trait by wearing dark glasses. Formerly the Chinese exclusively over-ran the country, but during the last few years the Japanese have been arriving in numbers that alarm Peruvians.

The newspapers point out what they describe as a dangerous situation arising from the Asiatic form of the native Peruvians out of almost every trade, by working much cheaper than the Peruvians. The Japanese own and operate the majority of barber shops, the Peruvian barber has given way to the Japanese barber.

way to Japanese, and Japanese servants are rapidly replacing the diligent Andean servants. Dr. Pardo, the President of the Republic, has thirty Japanese servants in his mansion, a fact that has been much commented upon in recent newspapers. The Japanese also have forced the native workers out of the small trades and minor industries, such as laundries, dairies, tin shops, newsstands, messengers services, small cafes, etc.

El Tiempo, of Lima, is one of several newspapers which have opened their columns for discussion as to how the Peruvian laborers can be protected against this invasion, in view of the fact that the invaders appear to be perfectly contented to work just as hard as the native for half the wages.

Boring for Water.

One of the troubles experienced at Pail is a shortage of water, which we understand recently interfered with work. We are told that Messrs. Topham, Jones and Ballance intend to start boring operations over the other side and are prepared if necessary to go down to a depth of 1,000 feet.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Sept. 5.
The silver market is quiet.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

A Varied and Instructive Programme.

"Wounded to the Heart" is the title of a three-part film which is being shown by the management at the Victoria Theatre to-night. It is one of great interest from start to finish. Though the plot is no new one, nevertheless it is here presented in a style which makes it comparatively fresh and the acting greatly adds to the pleasure which it gives to the audience. This picture, with the British Gazette and a Pathé colour film, occupies the whole of the first half of the programme. For the second, an extraordinarily acceptable and instructive film called "The Fighting in Mesopotamia," together with a comic film, is given. It is no exaggeration to say that the picture showing what the British are doing on the eastern front is one of the best that has been shown in Hongkong. In addition to guiding the audience by the use of maps thrown on the screen, giving the relative positions of the British and Turkish armies, and how they came into those positions, the film pictorially displays the life lived by the British and Indian troops and how the huge guns are manipulated. The programme which is presented should certainly be seen by all who are seeking a really enjoyable entertainment.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., state:—

Good Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant the Police Reserve Good Service Medal to P.O. 137 Chan Yek Shun, who has been three times commended for meritorious conduct since February, 1916.

Equipment.

All applications for equipment must be addressed to the Stores Officer, Headquarters Office, and be forwarded through and recommended by the Unit Commander concerned. One of the Stores Officers will attend at Headquarters Office daily between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m. (Sundays, Saturdays and holidays excepted).

Parade.

All ranks except those on duty will parade on Friday, September 13, at 8.25 p.m. on the road outside the front entrance to the Kowloon Railway Station. A special ferry will leave the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong, at 8.10 p.m. for the use of the Hongkong resident members. Uniform, belts, caps and covers, tracheas, and caps folded and carried on left arm. B file will not be carried. Inspectors will wear cross-belts only, and carry sticks.

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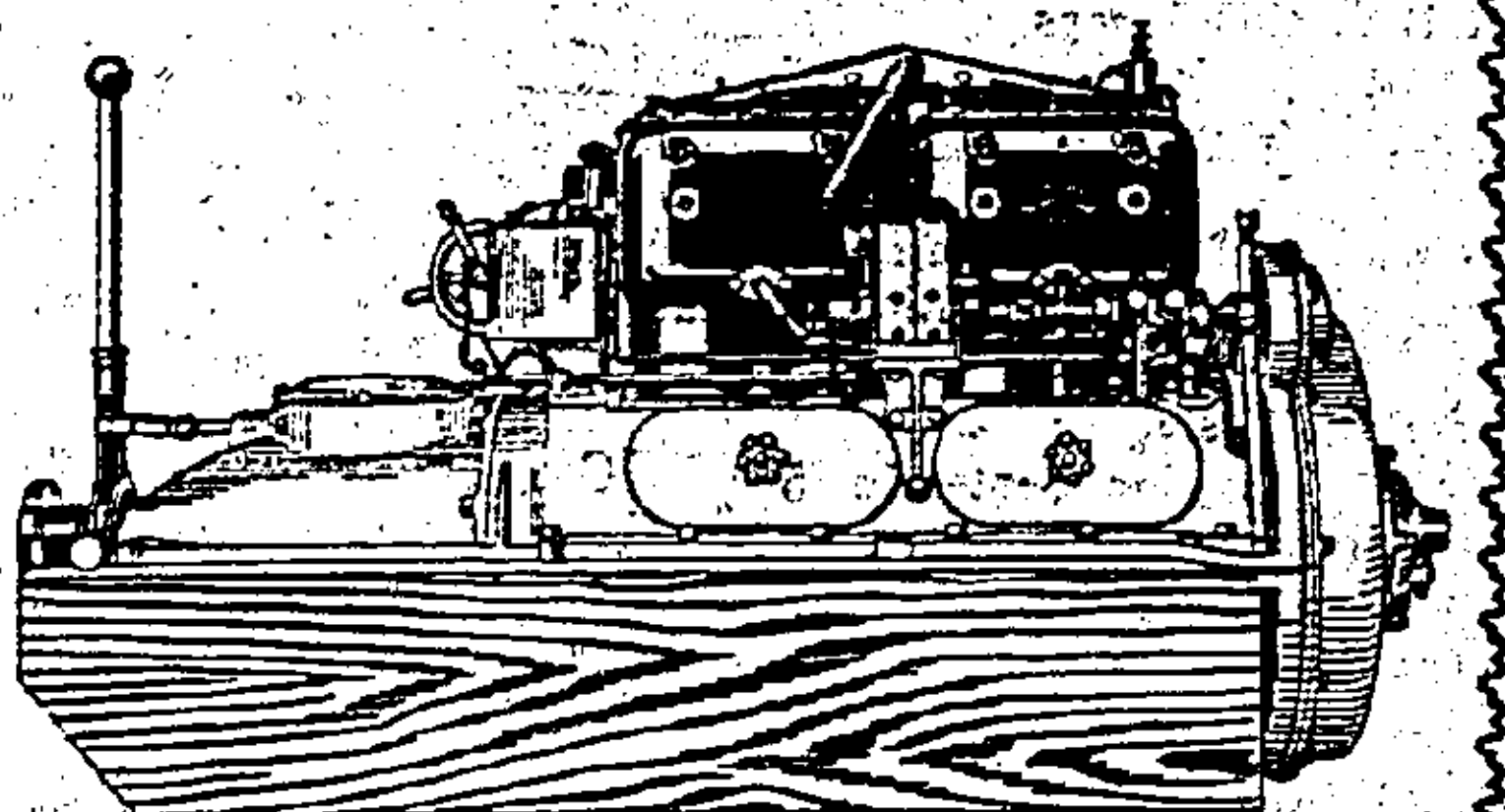
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GENERAL NEWS.

Guam Devastated by Storm.
Washington, July 9.—The
Island of Guam was devastated
by a typhoon on July 6. Capt.
Roy Smith, Governor of the
island and commandant of the
naval station reported to day to
the Navy Department. He said
half the inhabitants are destitute,
crops have been destroyed and
much material damage done.
Steps have been taken to feed the
destitute.

O. Henry.
What was the origin of the
well-known pseudonym "O Henry,"
the pen-name of William Sydney
Porter? According to a contribu-
tor to the "New York Nation,"
"O Henry" was the name of the
distinguished French chemist
whose name figured in "The
United States Dispensary," a
clerk in a drug store when he
began writing, and the suggestion
is that he was struck by the
suitability of the name and
adopted it.

Lectures on War Topics.
The Educational Alliance has
in the last two months, through
its newly formed Lecture Ex-
tension Bureau, held eighty meetings
at which more than 200 speakers
in Yiddish and English addressed
more than 50,000 people says the
New York Evening Post. In con-
junction with the meetings open-
air concerts and moving-picture
shows were given. Plans are now
being made to extend the work
so as to include Brooklyn within
the scope of the Americanization
Bureau.

Lady Inspectors for Girls' Schools.
The Chief of the Chinese
Educational Bureau in the Metro-
polis has considered it necessary
for the Government to appoint
ladies as educational inspectors
for the different girls schools in
the Capital. According to the
Chief's belief, the work of
inspecting the girls schools can
never be carried out satisfactorily
by men inspectors, because for
certain reasons they can never
inspect the schools so closely and
thoroughly as ladies can. A memo-
randum is understood to have
been prepared by the said Chief
to be submitted to the Minister of
Education embodying his views
on this question, and he will also
recommend the graduates from
the Higher Normal Girls' School
for appointment as female educa-
tional inspectors.

Financial Aid for Cannery.
Effort is being made through
the Federal Reserve System to
increase credits available to the
canning industry, according to a
bulletin issued recently by the
Reserve Board says the New York
Evening Post. Gov. Harding, at
the instance of Food Administra-
tor Hoover, has suggested to
all of the District Reserve
banks that the co-operation
of large banking institutions
be obtained to furnish capital for
the industrial establishments
which, in many cases, are located
in centres where local banks are
not large enough to advance
funds. Mr. Hoover has estimated
that \$50,000,000 in excess of
their usual capital requirements
would be needed by canners dur-
ing the season to carry forward a
large output until the realising
period later in the year. The
increased cost, he reported to the
Reserve Board, was due to higher
charges for labour and materials.

Italy's Part in War.
William Potter, former Am-
bassador to Italy and now Federal
Fuel Administrator for Pen-
nsylvania, said recently it is time
to give the Italian nation credit
for the great part she has played
in the war. "Just consider," said
Mr. Potter. "What might have
been the fate of the Allies had
Italy, with her army and navy
gone with the Central Powers,
France, at the outbreak of the war
would have had to divide her
army to protect her Italian front-
ier. The small but brave Italian
British army would have been
powerless to assist France both on
the western and Italian fronts.
Italy remained neutral until her
enormous army was strengthened
and then she joined the Allies.
Italy's part in the war was
decisive and her contribution
to the final victory was
immense."

GENERAL NEWS.

Trust Company Fined.
The Title Guaranty and Trust Company of Brooklyn was fined \$2,000 in the Court of Special Sessions, Brooklyn, recently for violation of that section of the code which prohibits institutions of that nature from practicing law. The conviction was secured on testimony given by Edward H. Wilson, chairman of the committee on illegal practices of the Bar Association.

Government's Wastefulness.
"A strong feeling prevails," declares a London financial critic, "especially among business men in the City, that all possible steps have not yet been taken to check official waste, and the reports of the Auditor-General and of the Public Accounts Committee have naturally tended to confirm the suspicion that the great spending departments are guilty of extravagance and of careless accountancy."

A Wood-Pulp Substitute.
Large claims are made in Germany for a wood pulp fibre named "Cellulose" as an efficient substitute for jute, cotton, and other fibres. Swiss spinners are closely watching the development of this textile substitute, and the British Consul-General at Zurich, says the Board of Trade Journal, has seen a sample of the cloth made from Cellulose and describes it as extremely strong, although it is made directly from wood pulp.

Protection of Chinese Traffic.

The Chinese Ministry of Interior has despatched orders to the Tatar-General of Chahar, directing him to take proper measures for the protection of the motor buses which are now running a regular service between Kalgan and Urga. An armed police force of one thousand men will be organised for this purpose who will be distributed at different stations on the way through which the buses run. In addition to this each of the cars will be allowed to carry arms.

The "Last War Loan."
"War loans lacking the privilege of conversion into subsequent issues bearing higher rates may not appeal strongly to the investor," remarks a Canadian reviewer; "but we must bear in mind that the last loan will very probably be offered at a much less favourable rate, for the very reason that it is the last, and national credit will rise enormously with the return of a satisfactory peace. Then we might wake up and find that we had let slip an unparalleled investment opportunity, simply because we had hesitated to purchase non-exchangeable bonds."

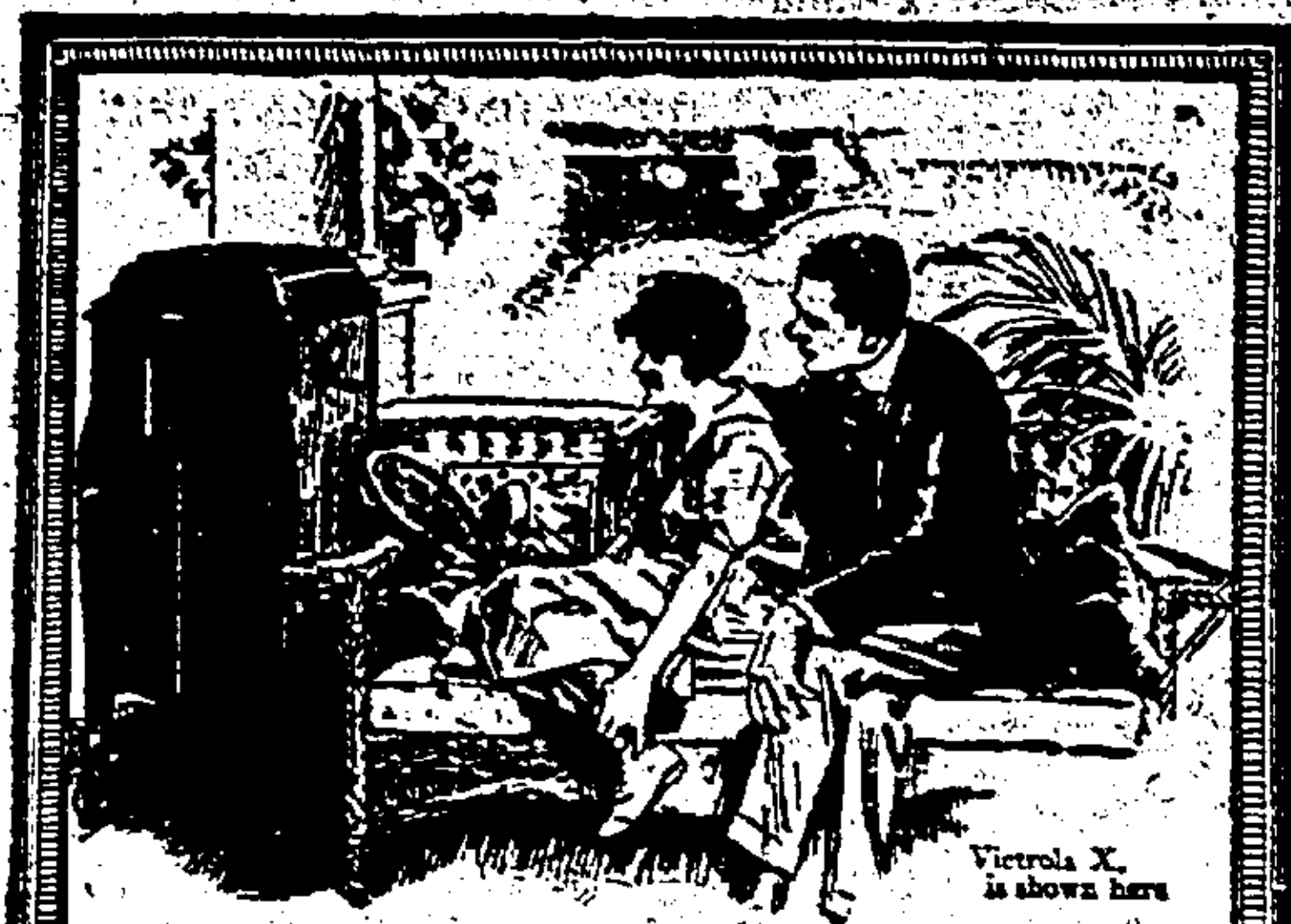
General Sir Julian Byng.
General Sir Julian Byng is a descendant of the ill-fated Admiral Byng, who was executed in the eighteenth century—unjustly, as many historians believe. He has connections with the peerage, being the seventh son of the second Earl of Strathford, and half brother of the present earl. His wife, Lady Byng, comes of a family that has had connections with the Court for many years, her father, the Hon. Richard Moreton, having been Marshal of the Ceremonies for a quarter of a century. Lady Byng has written several novels, one of them a very human and charming love story called "Barriers."

Three Soldiers Hanged.
Camp Dodge, Ia., July 5.—Three negro soldiers, convicted by court-martial of "assaulting and outraging" a seventeen-year-old white girl on the cantonment grounds the night of June 24, were hanged here to-day, with virtually the entire division witnessing the executions. The three traps were sprung simultaneously at 9:09 a.m., and death was almost instantaneous. The negroes marched to the scaffolds singing "God have mercy on my soul." The negroes were Nelson Johnson of Tusculum, Ala., Stanley Tremble of Sirmo, Ala., and Fred Allen, of Georgian, Ala., all selective service men. Three negro soldiers among the spectators fainting when the men stepped to their death and another ran amuck. He started on a mad run directly toward the scaffold but guards overpowered him. A white soldier also fainted.

Films Tell New York's History.
Episodes in the history of New York, from 1801 until the present, are included in the film "My Own United States," of which a private exhibition was given recently at the Boys' Club, Avenue A and Tenth Street. The duel on Weehawken Heights between Burr and Alexander Hamilton, founder of the New York Evening Post, and the

return across the river, with Hamilton fatally wounded, are shown, as well as the Richmond Hill House, which was Aaron Burr's home at the time of the duel, and the Queens County Court House. Pictures of a receipt movement of American troops brings the story up to date. The exhibition is made possible through the courtesy of William L. Kerrill, president of the Frohman Amusement Company.

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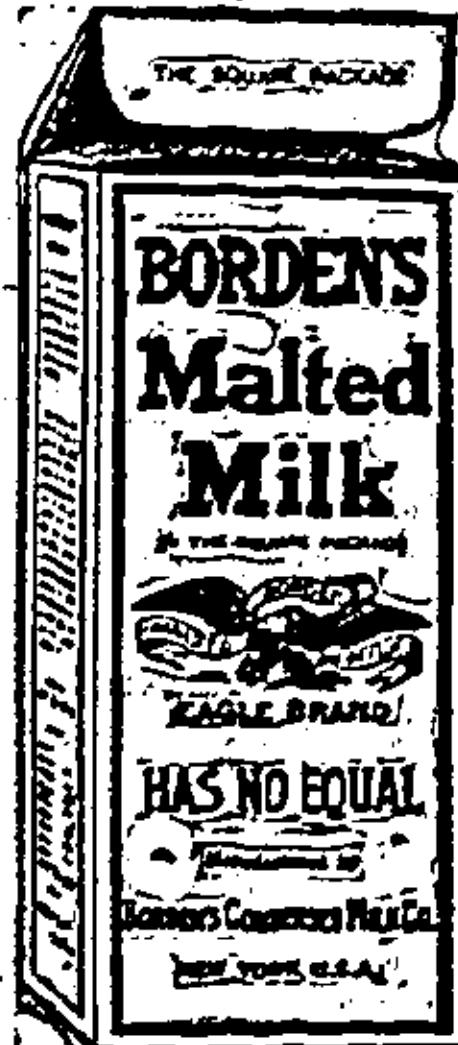
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Articles of Association Amended.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club took place last evening at the Board Room at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s office. The Hon. Mr. David Landale (Captain of the Club) was in the chair, and supporting him were the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, Mr. E. J. Grist, Mr. F. H. Thomas, Mr. A. Bitchie and Mr. J. de D. Lancaster (Hon. Secretary). Amongst those present were Sir W. Rees Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Messrs. H. Percy Smith, H. C. Sandford, J. Macdonald, S. G. Newall, L. N. Leefe, A. Shelton Hooper, J. Hennessy Seth and many other members.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary then read the notice.

The Chairman said:—The primary object for which this meeting has been called is to amend the Articles of Association so as to make the financial year end on the 30th September instead of on the 31st December. The reasons for this alteration I will deal with when I come to deal with the item No. 6 upon the notice calling this meeting that is the item which relates to this alteration. The opportunity given by this meeting has also been taken of amending various other of the Articles of Association in order to bring them more up to date and to provide for the requirements and conveniences of the Club and its members. I will now deal with the proposed amendments in the order in which they appear upon the notice calling the meeting.

The first alteration is one purely of description and is one which will make it more clear as to who is included under the word "member." The proposed alteration will make the phrase "member" mean a member of the Company so registered and does not include honorary member, subscriber, subordinate naval officer or visitor. In the Articles as they stand the words "Naval member should not have appeared as officers of the naval and military forces are dealt with in the articles of association under the heading of subscribers."

The same remarks apply to Honorary members and visitors. The proposed alteration will therefore clear up any doubt that might exist as to who is included in the word member. The object of the amendment No. 2 in the notice calling the meeting is to give the Committee power to call upon any new member to take up one debenture. It is hoped by the proposed amendment to provide for the debentures held by members leaving the Colony who wish to dispose of their debentures being taken up by incoming members. Apart from the fact that members are more likely to "take up debentures if they are saleable on their leaving the Colony it is far more desirable that debentures should be held by persons interested in the Club than by persons who have ceased to take any interest therein, and it can, I think, be safely left to the Committee to require an incoming member to take up a debenture or not and at such time as the Committee think reasonable or convenient having regard to the financial position of the incoming member and the number of debentures available. The object of the third alteration proposed is to give the Committee power to fix the amount of subscriptions payable by subordinate naval officers. At present if it were advisable to make any alteration in the sum payable it would be necessary to call a General meeting of the Club and it would be more convenient if the Committee were empowered to deal with this from time to time and as occasion may require. I might here explain how it arose that subordinate naval officers were dealt with separately in the Articles of Association. When the subscription to the Club of members and subscribers was raised to \$5 per month it was represented to the Committee that such a subscription was beyond the means of the

ordinary Subordinate Naval Officers such as Midshipmen, and as they are only here temporarily an exception was made in their favour and they were only charged \$2 per month. There is no intention of increasing this amount under present circumstances, but it is felt that the Committee should have the power to deal with a detail of this kind and thus avoid the necessity of calling a General Meeting on an unimportant question. At the same time I would like to point out that the members of the Club can at all times overrule the decision of the Committee on this point. The same remarks made in respect of amendment No. 3 apply entirely to the fourth amendment proposed. Which gives power to the Committee to fix the subscription to be paid by Visitors. The proposed alteration No. 5 on the notice calling this meeting has become necessary by a Treasurer being appointed by the Committee and paid for his services. This Treasurer will not be an officer of the Club within the meaning of Articles No. 47 or 49 of the Articles of Association. Further there is no method provided by the Articles for the election of the Officers of the Club which are the Captain and Hon. Secretary and inasmuch as these have always been appointed by a show of hands at the Annual general meeting it is thought advisable to make provision in the Articles of Association for the continuance of this practice. The reason for the amendment proposed and No. 6 upon the notice calling this meeting is the primary reason for holding this meeting. It is to alter the financial year from the 31st of December to the 30th of September. It has been found that both our Treasurer and Auditors are very busy on other work making up accounts in respect of Companies and firms whose financial year terminates on the 31st of December and it has been difficult to get our accounts made up and audited to this date within the time specified in the Articles of Association for the holding of the annual general meeting that is within three months from the end of financial year. Now neither our Treasurer nor our Auditors will be so busy between the 30th September and the end of December as to be unable to attend to the making up and the auditing of our accounts for the past year and it will prove a convenience to them and to the officers and members of the Committee of the Club and probably to the members to have the financial year altered. It will also enable the meeting to be held before the end of the year and a new committee and officers appointed so that the whole of the business of the Club will start afresh at the beginning of the year. The amendment proposed and No. 7 in the notice calling this meeting is covered by the above remarks inasmuch as it provides for the holding of the annual general meeting before the end of December instead of before the end of March that is within three months of the end of the financial year of the Club. The last amendment which is proposed is an entirely doing away with the Article 51 of the Articles of Association and substituting therefor what in the opinion of the Committee will be a very much more workable and satisfactory Article. An article similar to the one proposed has been adopted in the Hongkong Club and has worked most satisfactorily.

The following resolutions were then proposed by the Hon. Mr. David Landale, seconded by Mr. E. J. Grist and carried unanimously:—

"That the Articles of Association of the Club be amended as follows:—

(1) By striking out the words "Naval Member or Visitor" in the 3rd line of Paragraph 3 of Article 1 under the heading

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

THE POLICE RESERVE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—May I avail myself of your columns to congratulate Mr. Jenkins on the swift answer to his prayer for more work for the Infantry units of the Hongkong Defence Corps? His influence in the Colony is apparently infinitely greater than the majority of us had thought.

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"ADMIRER."

Hongkong, Sept. 7, 1918.

[We have closed the correspondence on the Portuguese controversy, but we give publicity to the above letter with the comforting knowledge that War Charities will at any rate benefit thereby.—Ed. H.A.T.]

"Member" and substituting therefor:—"Subscriber, Subordinate Naval Officer or Visitor."

(2) By adding after the word "Club" in the 6th line of the form of application for admission to the Club set out in Article 9 the words "and if at any time called upon by the Committee so to do to take up and pay for one Debenture of the Club."

(3) By adding after the word "Club" at the end of the amendment to Article 33 the words "or by the Committee."

(4) By inserting the words after "month" in the seventh line of Article No. 37 "or such other sum as the Committee may from time to time determine."

(5) By striking out the words "A Treasurer" and "all" in the second line of Article No. 47 and substituting for the word "all" the word "both" and adding to the end of that Article the words "and shall be elected by a show of hands at the Annual General Meeting."

(6) By striking out the words of figures "31st" in the fourth line of Article No. 64 and substituting the words of figures "30th" and by striking out the word "December" in the fifth line of the same Article and substituting the word "September."

(7) By striking out the word "March" in the second line of Article No. 67 and substituting therefor the word "December."

(8) By striking out Article No. 81 and substituting therefor: "Account of Members, Subscribers and Visitors shall be made up and sent in at the beginning of each month and should any accounts be unpaid at noon on the fifteenth day of the following month the name of the Member, Subscriber or Visitor owing the same shall be posted in the Club House at Happy Valley and any other of the Club premises that the Committee may from time to time direct and if at the expiration of one month thereafter his account shall be unpaid he shall cease to be a Member, Subscriber or Visitor, but the Committee may in their discretion for good cause shown reinstate such Member, Subscriber or Visitor."

With regard to the second resolution, Sir W. Davies asked if it were intended that every new member should take up a debenture.

The Chairman replied that the Committee were authorised by the Articles of Association to enforce this rule.

The resolutions being passed, the Chairman said that a meeting would have to be called in order to confirm the resolutions. The date would be notified by the Hon. Secretary. He had pleasure to announce that the main course would be ready by Saturday week. This included the meeting.

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TIENTSIN	Chipsing	Sat., 14th Sept. at daylight.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Sale of a Steamship.

In the King's Bench Division Mr. Justice Rowlett gave judgment in the action brought by the Dene Shipping Co., Maritime Builders, Newcastle-on-Tyne, against Mr. Ernest J. Fawke, of the Haymarket, London, and Liverpool, which related to the sale of a steamship.

Mr. Mackinnon, K.C. and Mr. Neilson (instructed by Crossman, Pritchard, Crossman and Block, agents for Hedley and Thompson, of Sunderland) appeared for plaintiffs; and Mr. Wright, K.C. and Mr. B. Ward (instructed by Mayo, Elder and Co.) were for the defendant. Mr. Mackinnon, opening the case for the plaintiffs, said this was a claim for damages for alleged breach of agreement to buy a steamer, the Ivydene.

The steamer, belonged to the Dene Steam Shipping Co., of Maritime Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which was in liquidation. Mr. Hedley, a member of the firm of Hedley and Thompson, solicitors, of Sunderland, was joint liquidator of the company, and most of the negotiations for the sale were carried out by Mr. Hedley. Mr. Hedley was approached by a firm of shipbrokers called J. M. Fergusson and Co., of Liverpool, who said they had a purchaser, but they did not disclose his name at once, but who afterwards turned out to be the defendant, Mr. Fawke. The whole matter in question was contained in letters which he would have to take his lordship through in detail. The short point was that a contract dated 7th December, 1917, was arrived at by which the plaintiffs through Mr. Hedley agreed to sell to the defendant the steamer in question for the sum of £26,500, payment to be made at Newcastle on Tyne. It was a term of the contract that a deposit should be paid on account, the balance to be paid within ten days. It was also a term that, notwithstanding these negotiations with the defendant, the vessel might without notice be resold in certain events happening, the deposit being forfeited to the seller. In breach of the contract the defendant failed to carry out his obligations, and the ship was subsequently resold for £25,000, and the plaintiffs now claimed the difference of £1,500 from the defendant.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the defendant, said the whole question here was what was done or what was not done by Mr. Fawke as a default, and such a default as entitled the plaintiffs to claim penalties against him under clause 4 in the contract, which said in breach of the terms of the contract the defendant neglected to pay the £26,500 or the deposit or the balance of the purchase money, or in any way to perform the contract, and has repudiated the contract. The plaintiffs had to prove the forfeiture and penalty clauses, and that upon the true construction of the contract as a whole their freight was complete and precise. That he submitted plaintiffs could not do.

His (counsel's) cast on the facts were clear, viz., that throughout defendant acted as a reasonable man as regarded the application to the Shipping Controller for the approval of the sale of the steamer. The only breach which could be alleged here was a breach of an implied term that he should take reasonable steps to obtain the final approval of the Shipping Controller. There was no failure on defendant's part to take those reasonable steps. He thought that such an application to the Shipping Controller should go through. Mr. Hedley and he took steps which in the ordinary course would have resulted in that being done. Defendant's object was to make this a real sale. He had had difficulty before in the purchase of another vessel, and he did not wish for trouble, so he put the matter through Mr. Hedley. As to damages, on the facts here, the plaintiffs could in any case only get nominal damages. After hearing the arguments, Mr. Justice Rowlett said it was the duty of the defendant—the buyer—to obtain the permission of the Controller for the vessel being transferred. His lordship thought the defendant did not try, and did not mean to get that consent, and did not mean Mr. Hedley to know that he was not trying. He could not accept the defendant's evidence on that point, and thought he was in default in the same way as if the Shipping Controller had given his consent and defendant had not completed the terms at the end of ten days. Plaintiffs were therefore entitled to the relief they claimed, and a commission was agreed to the figure of £1,500, which judgment was given and entered and then into the Registry.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Conditions on Several Fronts Reviewed.

London, September 5.

In regard to the military situation, it is interesting to note that some battalions recently raised in India have in Palestine acquitted themselves extremely well in minor operations, which augurs well for the future.

The Japanese have driven back the enemy on the Ussuri front to River Dikin, south of Khabarovsk. Colonel Semakoff's advance guard is at Olovynna, on the Onon River, where it has met the Osech advance guard from the west. The situation round Chita is still obscure, but it appears that the Osechs have probably obtained control of the whole of the Trans-Siberian Railway. In the West Urals the Osechs maintain their position.

Allied forces including Russians, are pushing down the Volodga Railway after their recent success at Obeserskaya. The feeling against fighting against the Allies is growing in the Finn Army, which is mutinous and discontented, but the Germans are still pushing forward communications towards Peoheng and eastward towards the White Sea. There is also much bitterness against the Germans in Finland owing to wholesale exportations from the country.

We have obtained a considerable success in East Africa. Von Lettow's movements in three directions have been checked and he is now being pursued north-east towards the Lurio River. The recent reverses are the severest he has sustained for a long time. He has lost recently at least four hundred whites, Askaris and porters and 50,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. His total force is now below two hundred whites and two thousand Askaris.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes as follows:—

A Scheme Abandoned.

The Civil Governor has formally ordered the cancellation of the subscriptions from house rents, saying the scheme is improper and is very harsh on the inhabitants.

Another Loan.

The director of the Financial Department has negotiated with the Yokohama Specie Bank for a loan of \$1,000,000 with the security on the revenue derived from tobacco and wine. The loan is to be used for the specie payments of the Canton Bank notes, and the contract will be signed shortly.

Attempt on a General.

Li Lit Kwan, Chief of the General Staff, while returning from the conference held by the Military Government on Thursday, the 5th inst. was shot at, although not hit, by a person running out from the latrine near the East Bund Theatre. All the people on the vicinity became alarmed and the soldiers stopped all the street passages in order to prevent the would-be assassin from escaping. All the men in the latrine at the time were arrested and taken to the military quarters for trial. It is said that 15 were arrested. There was no satisfactory evidence against any of those arrested, at the trial, and no weapons of any kind were found in their possession. Li Lit Kwan after the incident, calmly directed the soldiers to make the arrests.

DEATH OF MR. SHE PO SHAM.

Twenty-five Years Comprodore of Hongkong Hotel.

We much regret to chronicle the death of Mr. She Po Sham, comprodore of the Hongkong Hotel, who died at the Government Civil Hospital at 1.20 p.m. yesterday as a result of blood poisoning caused through an abscess in the back. He had been ill for some ten days.

The deceased, who was 47 years of age, was born in Hongkong and educated at Queen's College. He had been in the service of the Hongkong Hotel for the past twenty-five years—one year as assistant comprodore and the remainder as comprodore. He was a married man and leaves a wife and a large family. His mother, who is still alive, resides in Shanghai.

The funeral took place this afternoon, the body being removed from the Government Civil Hospital at three o'clock to the mortuary at the Taeg Wah Hospital, where it will remain for the present. Mr. J. H. Taggart, manager, and Mr. Maginnis, of the Hongkong Hotel, as well as many of the staff, attended this afternoon's obsequies.

BANK RETURNS.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st August, 1918, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks are:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.	\$ 8,093,357	\$5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	\$1,522,452	17,800,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited.	1,099,670	550,000
Total.	\$10,715,479	\$23,350,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £150,000.

† Securities with the Crown Agents £125,000.

A Commotion in the Typhoon Shelter.

Three Chinese, including a Water Police constable, were charged at the Police Court this morning with assaulting a boat-woman in the Yau-mai typhoon shelter, with the intention of robbing her. The constable was further charged with improper conduct. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on his behalf. From the statement by Inspector Gordon it appeared that the defendants with another Chinese constable were searching for contraband and that a boat woman who resented their appearance received a blow on the jaw with a screw driver. A commotion followed and the first defendant was picked out of the water in a semi-conscious state, while the second defendant was found, with his hands and feet tied, in the custody of the boat people. The case was eventually adjourned until Thursday next.

American Trees for Japan.

The United States Department of Agriculture has presented to the city of Tokyo ten young Karmia Latifolia trees, native to North America. Dr. Walter T. Swingle, of the Department, was sent with the trees. Eight of them have been planted in Hibiya Park, Tokyo, and the others in the horticultural nursery at Shibuya. The tree is an evergreen, attaining a height of five feet, and belongs to the azalea family, although differing from the common plant of that name. It bears very beautiful pink flowers, and takes its name from a Swedish botanist, Peter Karm, who discovered it during travels in North America in 1760. —East and West News.

Explosion in Arsenal.

Philadelphia, Pa.—July 11.—Two workmen are known to have been killed and four others injured in an explosion today at the Government Arsenal at Frankford, a suburb. The explosion is said to have been caused by a workman dropping a loaded shell.

IN A FIGHTING TOP.

An Actual Experience.

The fighting top was not a very inviting place to be in. Situated at the head of the foremast, it had somewhat the appearance of the flange surrounding a giant candle-stick which had been fantastically decorated with pieces of quilted cloth. These were splintered and strung around the top as a protection against enemy fire.

One entered the top by creeping hand over hand up a sort of skeleton ladder made of iron riveted flash upon the mast. Climbing these was a difficult way of getting heavenward. As the ship rolled so the mast swayed. Sometimes one lay flat upon it. Next moment one would be clinging desperately beneath it. Entrance to the top itself was obtained through a narrow hole, through which one emerged and squeezed with care amid men's legs, piled ammunition, and the pedestals of guns.

As for the top itself, once inside one found it to be a small circular compartment with a narrow slit running around it through which several small calibre weapons poked vicious noses. In the centre stood an officer directing operations. At the guns were men ready to press the firing keys, while others kept the belts of ammunition filled. Each one was "on the stretch," and as the officer gave the order the guns began spouting a deadly mixture of lead and flame through the orifice.

Hardly a word was spoken, for sufficient reason that voices were drowned by the fiendish rattle of the guns. It sounded as though half a dozen automatic riveting machines were running in this tiny chamber, while every now and again the lesser noises were drowned by the sledge-hammer beats of the "pom-pom." Rapidly boxes were opened and cartridge belts refilled. Just as rapidly the guns emptied them.

Smoke, acrid and asphyxiating, blew back into the faces of the gunners. But they fought grimly on. Occasionally one passed a sleeve quickly across his eyes to wipe away the blinding fog. Continually men tried to spit the choking fumes from their throats. Then suddenly there came a detonation louder than all, followed by a half-stifled cry as a man fell across the breach of his gun rolled lifelessly to the floor. An enemy shell had entered the top and put one of the guns temporarily out of action.

Carefully the wounded gunner was moved aside and another took his place at the firing key. Men might fall but the fight must go on. And it did. Other shells came in. More men dropped. The pathetic heap of mangled humanity grew momentarily larger, yet the outpouring stream of fire and lead continued to roll from every part of the top's periphery.

Guns jammed. Men gutted them clear, and grasped newly filled belts, rattling these through as quickly as the guns would carry them.

By now the floor had become a ghastly litter of spent shell, spent men, and bloodstained clothing. The revolting debris of war piled higher each second. No more commands came from the officer. He was "down and out." Scarcely one of the top's complement remained unscathed, but they kept the guns going all the same.

At last their fire began to slacken and guns fell idle because there were none to use them. Some of the weapons had become casualties also, through direct hits injuring their mechanism.

Before the battle was over only one of them continued working. That one was a "pom-pom" which a wounded marine handled as best he could. Of all those stationed in the top he was the only one left capable of working a gun, and he determined to keep it going to the end.

No fancy picture this, but a poor enough description of an actual fight. War is not beautiful anywhere. In a warship's fighting top it assumed a very ugly aspect. —Daily Mail.

THE CHINESE PRESIDENCY.

Another Southern Declaration.

The Canton Intelligence Bureau issues the following:—The National Assembly of the Republic of China now meeting in Canton, in its recent declaration, has announced that, before that President of the Republic of China is free to regularly function his office, all illegal laws and mandates promulgated by the illegal Government at Peking shall be null and void.

The Assembly, on September 4, in joint declaration, again called the attention of the Chinese public and friends abroad that, since the bogus National Assembly convened at Peking is illegal, all its acts will, therefore, become illegal.

According to Section 2 of the Presidential Election Law of China, the President shall be elected by an Electoral College organized by and from the Members of the National Assembly. Therefore, only the National Assembly possesses the sole right and special privilege to elect the President of China. Except the National Assembly properly constituted in accordance with law, no other institution or organization may interfere with the election. The law is plain on this question. It is unfortunate, the Assembly says in its second declaration, that an improper and unlawful election is to take place. The National Assembly now meeting in Canton, the only one elected peacefully by the whole country and in accordance with law, has authorized the Intelligence Bureau to state that, irrespective of persons, no one improperly and unlawfully elected and falsely representing himself to be the President of China shall be permitted to exercise the power and privilege of his office in his relations with citizens at home or with peoples abroad.

HONGKONG TRADE.

Chamber of Commerce Report.

The Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, dated September 6, says:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Heavy floods in the interior have greatly interfered with the transport of goods. No new sales have been effected from first hands and local prices show no improvement despite a soaring Manchester market. Cotton: Our latest quotation is 25.94d.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in the condition of our market. Owing to the continued difficulty of reconciling buyers' and sellers' ideas of prices, practically no fresh business has transpired. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$225/255. No. 12s at \$235/255. No. 16s at \$250/280. No. 20s at \$250/275. Arrivals 2,500 bales. Sales Nil. Shipments Nil. Unsold stock 8,000 bales. Bargains 12,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—Market has ruled steady on the higher level and unaltered at \$32/60 per pound for Chinese descriptions. Indian grades remain nominal at same prices.

Woolens.—No demand at present.

Canton Silk.—Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co. report as follows under date of August 10:—Stock:—2,000 bales. Market:—Silk—Has been very quiet both for Lyons and America, and although the prices are quoted somewhat lower on account of the dullness of the market, exchange which has advanced about 2½ per cent, since our last circular makes business very difficult. Waste is rather quiet and dollar prices are a little lower but on account of higher exchange ruling laying down cost prices have advanced.

Metals.—Business has been extremely quiet during the last fortnight. There has been no enquiry for export, consequently dealers make no offers for new business.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: 210,000 sacks. Quotations:—Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$3.10, per sack; Australia No. 1, \$3.62 per sack; Australian No. 2, \$3.30, per sack. Sugar.—Market steady.

FOR RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

An Appeal to Hongkong.

Mr. S. E. Hodge, Secretary of the Hongkong Chapter of the American Red Cross, informs us that information has been received from the American Red Cross at Vladivostok stating that they expect to have at least 30,000 suffering men, women, and children refugees in Siberia and Manchuria to take care of this winter, and they have requested the Hongkong Chapter to begin collecting at once new and second-hand clothing, wraps, gloves, mufflers, stockings, underwear, shoes, quilts and blankets. The Hongkong Chapter of the American Red Cross earnestly solicits contributions of the above nature and will take pleasure in forwarding any such supplies as are contributed. It is requested that supplies be delivered to the American Red Cross Work Rooms in the American Consulate Offices.

DAY BY DAY.

Kailan Output.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending August 24 amounted to 60,938 tons and the sales during the period to 53,230 tons.

Business Removal. Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., have removed their gents' tailoring and outfitting department from the main establishment in Des Vaux Road to more commodious premises next door, recently occupied by Messrs. W. O. Jack and Co., Ltd.

Alice Memorial Hospital. The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—Comprodore's Guild, \$400; Tsun Sze, \$10; Nen Nuan Nun, \$5; Tong Sze Wa, \$4.

Company Change. It is notified that at the expiration of three months Paula Davis and Company, Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the Company will be dissolved. We understand that this Company has been taken over and absorbed in Davis Company, Ltd.

Fought in China War. Brigadier-General G. D. W. St. John, C.B., who was gassed to the retired list rank recently, served with distinction in the China War of 1900, when he took part in the relief of Tientsin and Peking and was at the actions of Peitsang and Yangtun and other affairs of that campaign (twice mentioned in despatches and promoted brevet-colonel). He also saw much service on the North-West Frontier of India and in South Africa.

Alleged Detention of a Child. A Chinese was charged on remand at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. E. Wood, with kidnapping and detaining a small boy. Inspector Brown prosecuted and Mr. A. E. Wood was present on behalf of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. After due caution had been administered to defendant by his Worship, defendant went in the witness-box and made a statement. His Worship remanded the case till Monday at 4 p.m.

A Serious Incident. An altercation between two Shanghai Chinese yesterday reached a climax when at about 9 p.m., one of them is alleged to have wounded another when they were in the vicinity of the General Post Office. On the information reaching the Central Police Station, several Chinese detectives were despatched to the scene and found the victim bleeding from the neck. The sufferer was conveyed to the Station in a chair. The senior police officers came down and investigated the matter. It is not definitely known at present whether a fire-arm or an iron-bar was used. The injured man has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He had two wounds, one being a long scar. The Police have effected the arrest of the assailant.

A COOL AUGUST.

Some Hongkong Records Broken.

The abnormally cool and wet month that August was, is emphasized in the report of the Director of the Royal Observatory for the past month. This shows that the average mean temperature was 79.5 and that the highest point reached was 87.1, on the 25th. There were no fewer than 29.23 inches of rain, there being only nine days when none was registered, while the total number of hours of sunshine was 136.7. On one day, the 3rd, over seven inches fell. The average humidity during the month was 84.

The Director of the Observatory further states that the mean temperature and the total amount of sunshine are the lowest on record. The total rainfall is the second highest on record, the highest being 30.009 ins. in 1911. The total rainfall for August has exceeded 20 inches on four other occasions, viz., 27.865 ins. in 1895, 27.840 ins. in 1904, 25.505 ins. in 1902, and 25.550 ins. in 1897.

A PATHE STAR.

From Church Choir to Stellar Roles on the Screen.

Once upon a day every comic opera star of every member of the chorus who attained to any degree of fame laid claim (or her press agent did it for her) to the story that she had made her first public appearance in the choir of some noted church. These churches were generally located in Philadelphia, or San Francisco, and when proof was sent for to substantiate the claim of the operative star, everyone connected with the choir, at the time she sang there, had moved away.

When Miss Doris Kenyon, the star of Pathe's serial, "The Hidden Hand," stated that she formed one of a church choir before she entered the motion picture field, she laughed and said: "I know what you're thinking of, but I really did sing in the choir. When I was fourteen years old I was the principal soloist of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., of which the Rev. Dr. Robert Carson was pastor. I sang there for one year and then went to the Bushwick Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, which is known as the church having the largest Sunday school in the world. I remained there in the choir until a year and a half ago, when I was attracted by the lure of the screen."

Despite the hard and exacting work necessary for success in the film Miss Kenyon is still pursuing her musical studies and eventually expects to make her debut in grand opera. She is a Syracuse girl and was born in that New York town nineteen years ago. She is the daughter of Dr. James B. Kenyon, a local author and poet. Her brother is Dr. Bay Kenyon, who represents Essex County in the New York State Legislature. She inherited marked ability as a writer from her father, is a clever linguist, and can drive her own motor, shoot, swim, and is an expert horsewoman.

"The Hidden Hand" is the first serial in which Miss Kenyon has been seen. This serial is known as "Pathe's Four Star Serial," and the other featured members of the cast are Miss Arline Pretty, Sheldon Lewis and Mahlon Hamilton. The first episodes will be shown at the Victoria Theatre on the 12th inst.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—15th Sunday after Trinity, 8th September, 1918. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Service: Adam and Merbecke. Psalm: 132. Hymns: 366. (Tune 251.) 313, 31 & 51. Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial. Venite: Ferial. Psalms: Turlie. Te Deum: Russell, Jones and Fye. Benediction: Goodenough (2nd evening). Hymns: 380, 359. (Tune 76). God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 39, verses 3, 1, 9 and 13, in unison. Psalm 40, verses 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 16 & 19, in unison. Hymn 380, verses 1 & 5 in unison. Litany (12 noon). Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalms: Goss and Stainer. Middle Voluntary: Evening Prayer—Smart. Magnificat: Cooke (15th morning). Nunc Dimittis: Smart (22nd evening). Hymns: 231, 332, 365. N.B.—Psalm 41, verses 1, 2 and 13, in unison. Psalm 42, verses 1, 7, 9 and 15, in unison. Hymn 232, verses 1, in unison. Hymn 365, verses 1, 3, and 8, in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—15th Sunday after Trinity, 8th September, 1918. Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial. Venite: Nares, 8th Evening. Psalms: 33, 39 Turlie from Purcell. Psalm: 40 Turlie. Te Deum: Hayes, Russell and Stainer. Jubilate: Woodward, 28th Morning. Hymns: 385, Hymn: 218. Hymn: 567. Hymn: 576 (First and last 2 verses). God Save the King. Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Responses: Ferial. Psalms: 41 Goss. Psalm: 42 Foster. Magnificat: Smart. Nunc Dimittis: Foster. Hymns: 233 (Tune 131). Hymn: 368. Tune 435 Second. Hymn: 371. Vesper Hymn. God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday 8th September, Morning service at 11 o'clock. Hymns: 122, 336, 104, 374, 151. Evening service at 6 o'clock. Hymns: 438, 197, 202, 93, 352. Preacher: Reverend J. Stewart Kunkle M.A. of Union Theological College, Canton.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Peak Church.—Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. Evening Service and Sermon at 6.30 p.m.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services.—Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arsenal Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glen-sally.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist.—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

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